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**Amendment "B" Under Rule 1.116**

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office action mailed November 14, 2006. The period for response expired February 14, 2007. Accordingly, applicants respectfully petition for and request a one (1) month extension of time to respond, up to and including March 14, 2007. Please charge the \$60 extension-of-time fee to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 35156US1.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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